

**Parish of St. Boniface, Okehampton  
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**2nd March 2025**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C1**

**Times of Masses & Services**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>March</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Rosary</b>
			<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Mass</b>
			<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Chagford</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>March</b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Pope Francis</b>
			<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Mass Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence)</b>
			<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Chagford</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Chagford</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March</b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
			<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** by arrangement.

**The Pope's Intention for March: For the new Martyrs.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Mass celebrant:** This weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March Canon David Annear. Thank You, to Canon David Annear for celebrating the Masses whilst Fr. Anil is on holiday, we hope that you have enjoyed your stay in Okehampton. Canon David will be here until Thursday 6th March so please join him for the Ash Wednesday services, see the service times above.

**Fr. Anil:** returns from his holiday for Masses next weekend. He sends his best wishes to everyone and is looking forward to seeing everyone again.

**A message from the Bishop/Diocese Desk:** At the beginning of November 2024, just before I was to begin my ministry in Plymouth, I let it be known that concerns of a personal nature had been raised, to which I had to attend immediately. This has taken longer than I anticipated. All things considered; I have come to the decision to present to the Holy Father a request to step down from my appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. The Holy Father has accepted my request. For the immediate future I will be taking a sabbatical: a time of prayer and personal reflection, the next stage on the journey of my ministry. I realise, with regret, that this leaves a continuing vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth. I assure the lay faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of my good wishes and prayers and ask the same of them for me.

**200 Club:** Many congratulations to our February winners: Justine Frain, Jenny Twomey and Jim Egan. Big thanks to all who have already joined our 200 Club fundraiser for the parish, you will all be automatically entered into each monthly draw for 2025. It's not too late to join and you can buy additional numbers at any time during the year – obviously the earlier you join, the more chances you have to win! Remember it's not just for parishioners, so please tell your friends and families too! See Karen (Okehampton) or Justine (Chagford). Many thanks for your support.

**Fundraising for our Parish:** We'd like to know what YOU'd like to do and how YOU can help! Our Parish needs YOU! If you have any fundraising ideas for 2025 and / or would like to get involved, this is open to all parishioners in our parish, please see Karen ([kgutans@gmail.com](mailto:kgutans@gmail.com) / 07958 334930). Many thanks.

**World Day of Prayer CTO event:** on **Friday 7th March at 2.30pm at Fairplace Church**, Okehampton are planning a service to celebrate this special day, an invitation has been extended by the CTO and everyone is welcome to attend this ecumenical event. Martin Perry has kindly agreed to attend the service and be one of the readers at the service, Martin would very much like some of our parishioners to join him.

**Revelation:** In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be active "Pilgrims of Hope", renowned scripture scholar and author, Fr. Nicholas King SJ, will lead us to understand the Book of Revelation and how the Word of God is our power for Mission. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15th March 10am-4pm. (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Booking is essential and needs to be done through [plymouthcrownhill@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouthcrownhill@prcdtr.org.uk) Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you on this inspiring day.

**Gather 2025 Jubilate:** A weekend of faith, formation, and friendship, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms are available from the parish office. For more information, see the Facebook page or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com).

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day:** is set for 14th March this year. It is a day when we are asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. There will be a retiring collection on the weekend of 15th/16th March. Please consider gift aiding your donation if you are eligible envelopes for Gift aid donations will be available shortly or you may donate online directly to CAFOD. Thank you in advance.

**Prayers:** Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, Peter Moy, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, Jenny Kennedy, Mary Frain, Jan, Margaret Snell, Mary Sheridan, Jen Cleverdon, Claire Brown, Helen, Ann Durden-Higgins, Doreen Hughes, Pat, Michele Collier, Paul & Diana Selwood Wielink, Alex Joyce, John Keating, Tilly Rhodes, Anne Brooks, Molly Rogers, Jean Wood, Janet Vickers, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook.

